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▼ Geosciences

FHSU to celebrate GIS Day

Zach Becker
Editor

"Welcome to OnStar. How may we help you?"

The commercials may be familiar to students, but the technology behind it might not be.

On Wednesday, students will get a chance to learn about geographic information systems, as the Geosciences Department will celebrate International GIS Day at Tomanek Hall.

GIS are computer systems that allows for the mapping and analyzing of spatial data. It forms the backbone of technology such as the Global Positioning System (GPS). GPS is a satellite-based navigation system that uses information from 24 satellites orbiting the earth to triangulate a

person's exact location. Devices such as OnStar rely on GPS technology to give accurate driving directions.

"This technology is changing everyone's life whether they know it or not," said Tom Schaffer, associate professor of geosciences at Fort Hays State University. "We want to put people in control of technology instead of technology controlling people."

GIS Day is intended to increase public awareness of the continually-growing contributions of GIS technology in day-to-day life.

A full day of events is planned, beginning with the opening of the GIS lab at 8:30 a.m. It will be open until 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be available in Tomanek Hall.

Veterans' Day



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On Veterans' Day Saturday, the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Hays held a public lunch to honor those who have fought for this country. There was a presentation of flags, which flew at half mast. Wayne Billinger and Bob Maxwell were the featured speakers along. The Hays Barbershop Quartet also sang.

Centennial Lanes offers fun for both novices, pros

Brandon Worf
Staff Writer

Dallas Herreman doesn't do mornings. In fact, he doesn't really do much until lunch, which is when the business he operates opens each day.

"It's not often you can be the general manager of a business and still stay out late and then sleep in every day of the week," Herreman said. "Most people would be jealous of what I have to do week in and week out."

This dream job happens to be the position of General Manager/Proprietor of Centennial Lanes, located at the corner of Vine Street and Centennial Avenue in Hays. For the layman, Centennial Lanes is the local bowling alley, housing 16 lanes of bowling mania, a Pro Shop, an arcade and much more.

While the bowling alley has been around for over five decades, the Herremans haven't always run the show.

"My dad (Bruce Herreman) was the bowling coach at South Dakota State University in the '70s, and the people who previously owned the alley were looking for a manager," Herreman said.

"He took the position, and we moved down when I was 11 months old. He made an offer in 1979 to buy them out, they took him up on it, and we've owned it ever since."

Centennial Lanes is a typical bowling alley, offering full open play to anyone who walks in the door. Some of the more popular open sessions that they offer include the highly popular Glo-Bowl (Friday nights), Dollar Mania and Nifty-Fifty night (Thursday), the latter being where games, shoes, popcorn, and drinks are only 50 cents each after a \$5 cover.

"Thursdays and Fridays are by far our biggest draws from the community aside from organized competition," Herreman said while in between frames of the men's Wednesday night mixed league.

Centennial Lanes is a member of the Bowling Proprietors Association of America, and like most bowling alleys, they provide and organize multiple leagues for all kinds of groups within the community, including informal non-sanctioned leagues and U.S. Bowling

Congress (USBC) nationally sanctioned sport leagues.

What many people don't know is that they do host birthdays and small parties.

"We've always done them back in our party room, and we recently remodeled it so that the half that we essentially used for storage is now walled off and you can't see it, and it makes it easier for us to keep track of stuff."

For the serious bowlers who want to get ahead, Centennial boasts a full pro shop, which can handle everything from ball resurfacing and conditioning, to plugging, drilling/redrilling and custom ball setups.

"When we took over, the only thing they had in the shop was a ball conditioner and a drill press. Since then, we've obviously expanded it to include everything we have now." Herreman heads up the shop himself and can do almost anything necessary, including ordering new balls, bags, or shoes, to

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BRANDON WORF/THE EDGE

Dallas Herreman bowls during a league game at Centennial Lanes, 2400 Vine Street. Herreman is the general manager and proprietor of the bowling alley.

EDITORIAL

Three-way intersection dangerous

The three-way intersection in front of Malloy Hall is dangerous and the problem needs to be addressed. While traffic coming from Gross Memorial Coliseum does have a stop sign, campus traffic coming from the other two directions has no stop or yield sign. This lack of clarity creates confusion and thus a danger to all vehicles using this unusual three-way intersection and to the numerous students crossing the street. A simple solution might be just to add another stop sign, but this would create longer waits at the other two turning points. Installing stop signs at all three locations could also clear confusion to some degree, but would also slow down traffic. A more creative solution might be to build a roundabout. According to Wikipedia, a roundabout is a type of road junction at which traffic streams around a central island. Those first entering the roundabout yield to the circulating traffic. Roundabouts have been found to be safer than regular intersections. Since the intersection is not that large, a small roundabout could be built for a lower cost. The roundabout not only would increase safety for students in cars and walking across the street, it could also serve as a unique landmark on campus and further demonstrate Fort Hays State University's forward, creative thinking. Roundabout or not, though, this dangerous situation needs addressed. -The Editorial Board

College a small step, not giant leap

You've just graduated high school. Congratulations. You and your classmates have not been left behind—not even the ones who maybe should have been. Now it is time for college. You spend a month filling out paperwork. You're told that college is necessary. You've seen the commercial that says a college graduate makes over \$1 million more than a worker with just a high school diploma, but none of this makes college free. Professors need to be paid, statues built, and student-organizations that you will never be a part of funded. You've already completed the dreaded college application. Will or won't I be accepted to my first choice? In so many movies and commercials this is the most dramatic step. The boy checks the mail daily for that special logo in the return address. The girl opens the envelope with her eyes closed in anticipation. Hey, you got in! Maybe this is the case for a few schools, but it seems your average school will take about anyone. Still, it does feel nice to be accepted. Throughout your senior year, you picked up various little nuggets of information: wear sandals in the shower, be prepared to study three times as much as now, Oktoberfest rules! More important than these things, however, is the prospect of change and freedom. College is your change to start over, and do so without parental supervision. Once the initial excitement is gone, you begin to see things have been a little exaggerated. Your parents may be 100 miles away, but your RA is right down the hall. Shut that door! Turn down that TV! But this is all good, maybe even part of the growing up experience. Hundreds of other freshmen live in your building. Without some rules and a little sacrifice, no one is happy. Still, after paying so much for your little room, maybe a bit more freedom could be afforded. You came prepared to study, but you find that the classes are not really



Mike Courson Staff Writer

that much harder than high school. In fact, they are sometimes easier and you wonder why you have to pay for it when you already know the information. Furthermore, the kid that always sits in the corner and never participates is passing the class and will end up with the same degree as you even though he clearly does not get it. With all this free-time you had designated for studying, you need other things to do. Drinking is big on most campuses. Everyone talks about Oktoberfest as though it is different than any other Wednesday night or weekend. To you, beer tastes the same no matter the month or day of the week. Standing in a stranger's dark yard reminds you of country parties you've already had. Only then, the ABC cops were not lurking behind that bush over there. Finally, you find the one thing you

did not prepare for. Glitter. Okay, so maybe they don't actually use glitter, but have you ever seen so many posters in your life? Every organization has one in every building. Your dorm room door is covered in an unknown artist's work when you arrive. If you care to get involved, you may find the secret stashes of art material hidden around the campus. And you may even get to sit down with other students, some scissors, and bottle of glue (and if you are lucky, a big heap of glitter), just like you did in third grade. By winter break, you've got college down. You've made new friends that you don't want to leave for a whole month. You enjoy going to a few classes but still do not attend half of them, and that's okay. You still have to pay for each class and the professors know it. You don't mind, though, because the professors are fine folks. Most of all, you know you have not grown up. A career is years down the road, as is a family. You are still a student, just like you have been for the last twelve years. The only notable differences are more beer and more construction paper. Welcome to college.

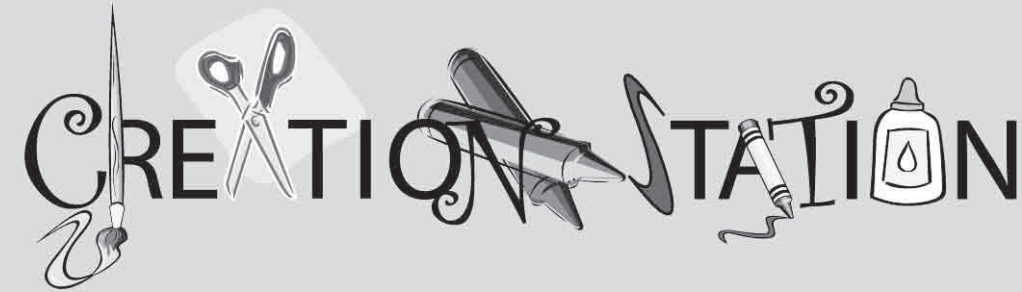


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doing any work to a ball in order to bring it back to top condition. Some might consider the best part of Centennial Lanes to be the bar. Serving beer, wells, cocktails, sodas, snacks, and other small food items, it seems to be a staple of the business. "A lot of our business comes from the food, and the bar wasn't always what it is now. We remodeled it a few years ago to what it is now and added the liquor to it to generate some more sales, and it's really taken off," Herreman said. Bowling is a great way to have fun any day of the week, according to Herreman. It's cheap, easy and anyone can do it. With a large facility and lots of equipment to maintain at the alley, one still wonders how Herreman can sleep in. "That's the nice part. I get up around 10 or 11, come in and open up, run the lane conditioner (to put oil on the lanes) and we're ready to go pretty much," Herreman said. After that, it's all business as usual. And for Herreman, business as usual is good business.

▼ Astronomy

Mercury races across Sun

Jeremy Scott Lovin Staff Writer

Fort Hays State University staff and students got the rare chance to watch Mercury as it race in front of the Sun last week. The event, known as an inferior conjunction, occurs when a planet crosses the Sun in front of the Earth. Mercury crossed in front of the Sun on Nov. 8; however, the brightness of the sun prevented any casual observers from seeing it. With this in mind, the Astronomy Club, supervised by Professor Ken Trantham, set up telescopes and a web viewing for the campus web site on top of Tomanek Hall. A telescope attached to a laptop shared the view of the Sun with internet users. The day was very warm, especially on the top floor of Tomanek Hall, where several telescopes were set up to view the event. The telescopes fixed with duck tape over half the lens led students to inquire about them. According to Trantham, the telescopes had a solar filter placed over the lenses. A view through the telescope showed an irregular shaped black spot at the very bottom of the sun. In the middle, a small black dot had moved a fourth of the way around the orange background of the sun. Mercury was viewable as only a small black round dot will move across till it's not viewable by sundown. The event lasted only five hours and will not happen again until 2016.

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▼ Encore Series

STOMP comes to Hays


What does the word STOMP make you think of? Music, Dance, Theatre, Choreography or Performance Art? All of the above! Or, is it none of the above? Well, both are sort of right . . . in a way. Confused? Read on . . .

STOMP is a movement, of bodies, objects, sounds – even abstract ideas. But what makes it so appealing is that the cast uses everyday objects, but in non-traditional ways. There's no speech, no dialogue, not even a plot. So, why go see STOMP? Well, have you ever composed a symphony using only matchbooks as instruments? Or created a dance culture based around sweeping? You, may have done this a little, but get a group of rhythmically gifted, extremely coordinated bodies with definitive personalities, and you have the makings for STOMP.

STOMP started stomping on the streets of Brighton, England. Luke Cresswell and Steve McNicholas, the creators of STOMP were members of a group of street performers commonly known as “buskers” trying to grab people’s attention. And, attention is what they received.

Busking is an old custom in the UK, dating back to booth theatres erected at village fairs in the Middle Ages. Luke and Steve updated this historical custom and created a modern symbiotic marriage between movement and music.

You're mistaken if you look for a hidden message in STOMP. There are no political



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connotations, no pretentious techniques and no dialogue to misconstrue. Instead, you're bombarded by noises that you usually try to block out. STOMP takes the everyday sounds of pipes and brooms, lighters and garbage pail lids, and creates the extraordinary.

So how do you describe STOMP? If you ask one of the creators, Luke Cresswell,

he would simply say, “at the end of the day, STOMP is what it is.” STOMP will be presented on November 28 & 29 beginning at 7:30pm in the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center.

Tickets for the performances are on sale now at the Student Service Center in the Memorial Union, (785) 628-5801. Reserved ticket prices are \$28-General

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▼ Election

Student turnout exceeds expectations

I think this was an interesting twist on a not-so-familiar issue.

The other day, I went out to vote, and managed to not lose my mind in the sea of insanity that is Election Day campaigning and polling.

Surprisingly, I was thoroughly impressed at voter turnouts this year, as for the first time in years, voter turnout was actually above 40% on a national basis.

I didn't seem to notice as much of a push by civic organizations to be as in-your-face about just going out and voting. It was there, just not as much.

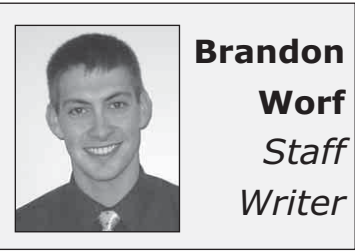
What was sort of ironic about this whole process was that I saw more students out at the precinct nearest campus than I have seen at some university events, which honestly is sort of ironic.

When Election Day is pulling more student participation than some of the “premier” university activities or services, it’s laughable at best. But I guess the election is slightly more important than most things we could take advantage of (or don’t).

Bad comparisons aside, I’m still amazed that, of all the things this university has to offer for what little we pay for it all, nobody really turns out in droves to take advantage of them.

Aside from the sports games, and maybe some of the Residential Life activities, it seems like the university is pouring our student fees and SGA money into a bottomless whole of null participation.

Two things that come to mind right off the bat are Times Talk



and BlogCat. These are two services offered *free of charge* to students who wish to use them, and they’re both as empty as the residence halls on the weekends.

Granted, Times Talk doesn’t always provide the most interesting subjects all the time, but they’re relevant to the area, and they provide free chips and sandwiches to the first 25 people. *Free food?* What more motivation does a college student need? I figure there’d at least be a line to get

there first. BlogCat is seemingly dominated by about 5 individuals who actually know that it’s out there; I’d like to think that the concept hasn’t caught on to the general populace yet, but judging by how often people I know are online chatting to others, I have to think otherwise.

It’s really ironic how many people who come to this university from out of town complain about how little they seem to get for their money aside from their classes. “Affordable Success” might be one of the most ludicrous slogans we’ve all heard, but at the same time, it does have some element of truth and validity to it.

Unfortunately, some people are either too ignorant or too lazy to recognize that these services

are out there, ready to be used at a moment’s notice. While it’s not anything new, the bars are seemingly more popular to most people than some of the football and basketball games. When our basketball team is at the height of its program, it’s disgusting to think that we can’t routinely pack people in to Gross Memorial Coliseum on a routine basis.

It’s time that students woke up from their alcohol-induced delusions and get out and actually participate in society. If they don’t find things interesting enough to participate, then it is up to them to make it so that it is interesting. It’s your money; make the university do something with it that you want them to do. Or at least use what they’re already giving to you.

Dorm life not without its annoyances

Oh, the beginnings of my life in the dorms. I’ll never forget getting out of my Dad’s truck to see all the parents and students preparing to move in.

They unpacked ungodly amounts of cloths, things they purchased from Wal-Mart and refrigerators to drag up to their rooms. Thank God for the help of parents when moving in, because without them we’d never get all that carrying, dragging

and pushing overloaded shopping carts down the narrow hall to the room.

McMindes has a great living room with lots of comfortable chairs to relax in, a nice dinning room and all kinds of actives to keep one busy. While it has been a great place to live for the last three months of school, I’ve also run into some very irritating problems in that time.

With the interest of improv-

ing dorm conditions, I’m going to list some of those problems in the hope someone will read them and fix them.

First, the phone provided by the campus will not always recognize all local numbers; I’ve pulled my hair out a number of times when a 628 or 625 number would not go through. To place a call on campus I have to dial the information desk instead of just calling that number directly. Next

year, if they are implemented, maybe the smart phones will be less troublesome.

The twin bed is nice but just a little narrow. The first week I rolled right out of bed right onto the title floor. Ouch.

One thing I really can’t stand is the way students have to spit out their gum, tobacco, or whatever that stuff is I find in the sinks. Sidewalks are there for a reason.

Also, it seems some people just don’t pay heed to what they are doing and nuke their popcorn for twenty minutes instead of two, triggering the much-dreaded fire alarm evacuation.

There is no way better to waste time than to stand out in the cold waiting for the all clear.

Sometimes it is not even the students’ fault. One night the alarms went off three times because of a malfunction. What fun!

I wouldn’t recommend using the elevators if you’re in any kind of hurry, either, as they have a bad habit of going from floor one to floor six before ever stopping at a



single level.

Every time the elevator stops at a floor, students have to repress the floor button again because the buttons clear out at every stop. That’s why people have to wait so long to get an elevator.

Just before fall started, the weather turned cold and my room was freezing. I asked to turn on the heater, but apparently the heater can’t be shut off once it is turned on. Who came up with that rule? Sure enough, two weeks later my room was so hot I could not sleep. How ironic.

In the future, hopefully someone will fix these little problems. Little problems can make for a restless night of sleep, which sometimes can wreck your day altogether. No fun at all.



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Parents help their children move into McMIndes Hall on move in day last year. The transition to life in a residence hall can be stressful.

Block & Bridle showcases ag students

Mike Courson
Staff Writer

For students interested in working with farm animals, Block & Bridle may be the club for them.

The Block & Bridle Club is a national organization with over 90 franchises across the nation. Fort Hays State University is home to one of them, with about 60 students involved in the organization. The Club is part of a national animal science organization and is used to promote interest in a variety of fields of study.

“The club is for anyone interested in agriculture using animals,” said Block & Bridle Club co-sponsor Brittany Howell. She said the Club features many activities, most of which revolve around livestock. Activities include: a showing and fitting competition; intramurals; Agriculture Awareness; hosting a FFA Dairy Judging Contest; hosting a Junior College Livestock Judging Contest; as well as participating in many social functions.

The biggest event is the Little International Sitting and Showing Contest. Participants are divided into senior and novice categories. The contest itself consists of sitting the animal, which includes clipping it and getting it ready to show, then actually showing the animal in front of a judge. Members can choose to show and sit a variety of animals including beef cows, dairy cows, horses, pigs and sheep.

Another big event for the Club is the National Convention. Last year, the convention was held at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. This year, the convention is scheduled to take place next January in Orlando, Florida. Howell said normally 15-20 students attend, but because of high travel costs, only a few have made arrangements so far. Around 600 students from across the nation will also be attending this convention.

President Megan Fickenscher has been involved with the club for four years. She has enjoyed the activities and contests sponsored by the Club.

For the Little International contest, Megan has shown horses,



beef heifers, and sheep. She enjoys spending time with the animals for two weeks, then having her friends and family attend the contest at the University Pavilion, which is located north of I-70. She has also enjoyed road rallies, where club members participate in scavenger hunts around rural Ellis County.

Fickenscher attended the national convention in Ohio last year and said it was a great opportunity to see places she’d never seen and catch up with friends from other schools.

The Club was brought to FHSU in 1972. The Club’s emblem holds great meaning for its members. The straight side of the “B” represents character, sincerity, and a moral life, all of which are asked of members when they are initiated into the club.

The curved side of the emblem symbolizes social pleasure, mental energy, and determination. The meat block represents the material aspects of the agriculture life and profession.

The bridle stands for the behavior of club members, the control over self, and the manners and respect shown to others and animals.



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Block & Bridle members participate in last spring’s Little International contest. Block & Bridle is a club for people that enjoy animal-based agriculture.

Dr. Howell said students can join by contacting her or Kolby Burch, the other co-sponsor. There is a \$15 fee for beginning members and a \$5 fee for returning members.

All students are invited to attend a meeting this Wednesday in the Black and Gold Room at the Memorial Union.

That meeting is free of charge and begins at 7:30 p.m.

Fickenscher encourages anyone interested in agriculture to get involved.

“We try to promote not only awareness of agriculture, but also FHSU,” she said.

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University Archives highlight past

**Alicia Wyatt
Staff Writer**

Looking back through the pages of yesterday, students will find articles and photos of university occurrences throughout the years. The Forsyth Library University Archives and Special Collections hold the stories of Fort Hays State University students and faculty.

The Archives are “the gathering place for information about the university,” said Patty Nicholas, University Archivist.

One can find official papers from presidents, yearbooks, class schedules, tapes of athletic games, news clippings and photographs of many different venues on the shelves of the archives. Within the Special Collections, individuals can look through rare books, the western collection, graduate theses, the genealogy collection and the military history archive.

Students will find a broad variety of fashions in the yearbooks

showing classes from 1914 to 2002. One can see how the university has changed as they look at the college catalogs dating from the very first year in 1902. Those interested in the classes offered in 1932 can check into the class schedules. Individuals needing to find students or faculty of previous years will find campus directories dating back to 1930.

Numerous collections of articles written by FHSU professors can be found within the historical documents. The University Relations has donated scrapbooks of news releases and news clippings collected from statewide publications.

Those who currently participate in campus organizations and clubs can look at past documents from their group. Students can find issues of *The University Leader* newspaper from 1908 to present on microfilm. The Kansas State Historical Society records every newspaper on microfilm,

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including *The Edge*.

“I’ve been in this area for five years. My favorite part of the archives is the photographs,” Nicholas said. Students will find file cabinets full of images from many different decades and occasions.

“We have photos from building

the campus, aerial views, different people on campus throughout the years and non-related campus pictures,” Nicholas said.

Individuals can find photos from early days when classes started in 1902 up to the 1980s. The collection includes lantern slides, glass negatives and slides of topics including class discussions and building the campus.

People most often request to see the eight George Sternberg albums. These black and white photos include pictures from his many expeditions and travels as well as pictures of the college and his family.

Students may find the tapes of football games from 1972 or the basketball and volleyball games of great interest. The collection also contains a copy of every thesis ever written by master’s degree candidates.

One can also find periodicals and books owned by the Fort Hays Genealogy Society. Finally,

students can see a large collection of military history documents covering the American Revolution, the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict.

Esta Lou Riley started the Archives and Special Collections in the 1980s in preparation for the Fort Hays State University 75th anniversary celebration. The collection got bigger as people donated more items related to the university. The National Historical Society has provided the university with a manual to designate which items the archivist should keep.

Offices and organizations can call Nicholas to check if certain documents should be included in the Archives. Nicholas eventually hopes to see climate control for the historical documents and an increased amount of memorabilia. “The artifacts preserve the history of the university,” Nicholas said.



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Images from the early history of the Fort Hays State University campus can be found in the University Archives. Fort Hays State was founded in 1902 under the name of Western Branch of the Kansas Normal School.

Football closes season with loss to Truman State

**Cole Reif
Sports Editor**

Fort Hays State closes the book on the 2006 season with a 40-15 loss to Truman State University. It probably will not be a book the Tigers will want to read again, as they finished the season 1-10 overall and 1-8 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. The Tigers were looking for a victory to end the season, but after spotting the Bulldogs twenty points in the first half, they could never catch up.

“We got caught a couple times on some blitzes and they were able to beat us on some balls down the middle,” coach Kevin Verdugo said in his post-game interview on Tiger Radio Mix 103. “Offensively, up front, we were moving the ball well early on running the football. I thought we got away from that and allowed them some opportunities to do some things to us that we could not take advantage of.”

Truman State received the ball to start the game and wasted no time getting on the scoreboard. They drove seventy-nine yards on their initial possession to take an early 7-0 lead with a 1-yard touchdown run from Jake Cunningham, the Bulldogs transfer tailback from Purdue.

The Tiger defense did buckle down forcing Truman State to punt the next time they touched the ball, but that is when things turned on the Tigers.

With 4th-and-14 on the Bulldogs thirty, the Tigers elected to run a pooch kick from their quarterback, Shane Jackson. Instead of surprising the defense, Jackson surprised himself as he watched his kick go straight up in the air and take an unfavorable bounce backwards for a minus ten yards. On the Tigers next possession they made it all the way to the Bulldogs eleven-yard line only to turn it over on downs when the offense could not convert on 4th-and-1.

“We’ve got to learn how to finish,” Verdugo commented. “We also have to do a better job as a coaching staff of putting ourselves in a position to avoid some of those situations.”

Truman State’s quarterback Matt Ticich took the field once again and hooked up with Vanessa Emokpae on a 44-yard flea flicker pass. They capped this drive off with a 29-yard touchdown pass from Ticich to Ryan Bonner. The botched snap on the extra point made it 13-0 in favor of the Bulldogs.

With under two and half minutes left in the first half the Tigers had to punt the ball back to Truman State. Tyler Elder punting into the wind lofted one up that netted only twelve yards positioning the Bulldogs on the Tigers’ thirty-three yard line with 2:18 left to go. Ticich would capitalize once again as he threw another touchdown pass; this one

to his favorite target, Emokpae from seven yards out. The Tiger defense surrendered 243 yards through the air and 387 overall.

Fort Hays State finally got on the scoreboard towards the end of the third quarter as junior Jordan Hickel plunged ahead for the 1-yard touchdown run on nearly a nine-minute drive. Hickel finished the day with 94 yards on the ground.

With the score 20-7 in favor of Truman State, the Bulldogs would tack on twenty more points putting the game out of reach.

Jackson was constantly on the move throughout the day based on the relentless pressure from Truman State. The Tiger offensive line gave up five sacks Saturday. Protection for his quarterback is an issue that Verdugo knows has to be a point of emphasis during the offseason.

“It is going to improve. It is not going to be a question of when or how. It is going to improve.”

The fourth quarter was coming to an end and the Tiger defense was determined to finish the season on a good note. With the Bulldogs driving, Fort Hays State forced a fumble on Ticich and freshman Dustin Heckroth scooped it up and returned it 58 yards to the endzone.

“Actually I fell down and got hit by one of the lineman and I saw on the other side of the field that he (Ticich) fumbled it and just grabbed it,” Heckroth said



TOM MANWARREN/THE EDGE
Above, Trevor Zott returns a kickoff against Missouri Western. At left, John Luke Snyder returns a kickoff against Truman State.

about his 58-yard fumble return for a touchdown. “I had nothing left by that time so I was just running down the field and getting caught by everybody, but it was a good play.”

Jackson ended the game with 67 yards on 8-of-15 passing. John Luke Snyder hauled in three catches for 25 yards. Snyder finished the season with 644 yards and five touchdowns to lead all Tiger receivers.

Fort Hays State completed the season with only one win, but has had to adjust to playing in argu-

ably the best conference in Division II football.

“It’s been a lot of hard work athletically to get to where we are and be in contention,” Verdugo added. “Our players have been through a season in this new conference, and I think they have learned it is a different level and brand of football. This is not going to be a recreational sport here at Fort Hays State. We are going to be a 4-year round program and we are going to have to do that to play and compete in this conference.”

Pre-season wrestling scrimmage highly competitive

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According to the NWCA Division II Pre-Season Coaches’ Poll, the Fort Hays State University wrestling squad is ranked No. 9 in the nation to begin the 2006-07 season.

Fort Hays finished in 11th place in the nationals last year and hopes to have a high ranking this year.

The Fort Hays State wrestling squad held their annual Black and Gold Scrimmage, where the black team came out on top with a 16-15 win. “I designed the two groups to where I felt they could give each other the best competition and they proved me right with the ending result being 16-15,” said Head Coach Cody Bickley. The Black and Gold scrimmage helps determine who can perform in a different atmo-

sphere rather than being in front of coaches and teammates.

Starting off the night for the 125 weight class was two-time national qualifier Kory Lira for the Black team and Devin Schwartz for the Gold. Schwartz walked away with the win in the third period with 30 seconds remaining, putting 3 points on the board for the Gold team. Senior Derek Patterson had his work cut out for him as he had to fight for the win against Sophomore James Annon in the 133-weight class, Patterson then put the Black team on the board evening up the score 3-3. Josh Pfannenstiel for the 141-weight class managed to defeat Junior Bryce Bahe in the third period with a score of 8 -7, with Pfannenstiel’s win it put the Gold team up 6-3.

Coming in ranked No. 1 in the 149 weight class Mikel Delk for the Gold took

on Josh Peterson and walked away with the win, putting the Gold team ahead 12-3.

For the 157 weight class Danny Grater for the Black took on Patrick Keane for the Gold. The two wrestlers had a hard time gaining points for their teams, but with 20 seconds left in the third period, Grater scored a caution point off of Keane, allowing the Black to come back and be within 6 points. Sophomore Blake Malloy took on Nick McGovern in the 174 weight class and walked away with a 7-4 win leaving the Black within 3 points of the Gold team. Putting Black ahead in the 184 weight class was Junior Troy Medill, who took on Justin Stevens. Medill then made the score 13-12. The 197 weight class national qualifier Dustin Trego fought for the win against Black’s Tyler Gonzales. Lacking control in the beginning, Trego was able to

walk away with a 7-3 victory, which would put Gold back on top 15-13. To finish off the night scrimmage was the heavyweight class, Andrew Ubben who is ranked No. 3 in the pre-season national poll, took on Gold’s Lyndon Wagner. Wagner, who put in a good fight, was not able to defeat Ubben who accumulated over 2 minutes of riding time to come out on top with a 7-6 win.

This left the final score to be 16-15 in favor of the Black squad. “I used the Black and Gold scrimmage to help determine who will wrestle in the 10 weight classes as well as the next two open tournaments,” Bickley said.

With no time wasting, the Tigers start their regular season at Central Missouri State on Nov. 12 where they hope to work on their techniques and come out on top.

SPORTS

Men's, women's basketball teams prepare for season

Men's Preview

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Men's head basketball coach Mark Johnson is coming off a 27-4 season in which he saw his team win the regular season in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference with an 18-1 record, become ranked No. 1 in nation and advance to the second round of the NCAA Division II Tournament.

He is losing a massive amount of leadership with six seniors graduating last May, including Tyrone Shephard and Jeremy Atwater who were named RMAC Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year, respectively.

"It really was a special year," Johnson said. "When you are going through it you really do not appreciate it as much you need to. Looking back now, it was a great year and a great group to work with as far as playing hard day in and day out."

The Tigers will have the leadership of five seniors back for the 2006-2007 campaign.

There are only five players that have playing experience from last year for Fort Hays State. Johnson and his coaching staff brought in six new faces this year; four of which are transfers and the other two are incoming freshman.



Backcourt

Loranja Owens, Jonathan Pickert, and Colin Olberding are the key guards returning from last year.

Owens started eleven games for the Tigers last year, and will be looked upon to take over the point guard role with the departure of Derrick Graham.

Pickert brings his long range ability back for his senior year. He led the team in 3-point field goals made with 54 last year. Pickert is also the leading returning scorer; he averaged over six points per game.

Olberding comes in for his sophomore year after sparingly seeing court time the previous year. He led the team in free throw percentage shooting 85.6 percent throughout the year.

The most noticeable addition to the backcourt will be the presence of Kevin Wagstaff.

Wagstaff sat out last year after transferring from Colorado School of Mines. He averaged 17.5 points per game for the Orediggers his junior year.

"The good thing about Wagstaff is that he has played at this level for three years," Johnson said. "He can come in fairly early in the year and be successful. We are counting on him from day one to really do good things."

Other leadership roles will be looked to be filled by Rusty Grafel and Tyler Albers. Grafel appeared in ten games for the Tigers last year, and Albers redshirted his freshman year.

Fort Hays State welcomes in two new transfers to the backcourt.

Anthony Grant transferred from Washington State University and looks to be apart of the mix immediately.

The 6'6" guard can handle the ball well and is capable of playing multiple positions. Alex Davenport also joins the Tigers after transferring from Owen Community College in Ohio.

The Tigers will look to a committee of players to fill the voids of last year's seniors Shephard, Graham, Maurice Henson and Brian Gentry. Shephard led the team in scoring last year averaging 13.8 points per game. Without Shephard's dribble penetration presence, Johnson might look to the outside more this year.

"I don't know how many guys we will have able to put in on the floor and drive to the basket, so we are probably going to



have to shoot more three's than in the past and be affective with it."

Frontcourt

It is hard to replace a guy that averaged 9.7 points and 7.4 rebounds per game. It is even harder to do when he was named the RMAC Defensive Player of the Year and has thrown down more thunderous dunks than Victor E. Tiger has stripes.

Fort Hays State gets the unfavorable task of trying to fill the shoes of Jeremy Atwater.

Jeff Pruitt looks to fill the negated space down low on a team that lacks depth at the center position.

Pruitt started in thirteen games last season and averaged 5.6 points per game contest. Coach Johnson will look for his 6'10" senior to stay out of foul trouble to give this Tiger squad some size.

"Pruitt's play will be big," commented Johnson. "I think the one thing he has to do is stay out of foul trouble. He had a tendency last year to get in foul trouble. He is really are only size."

Ryan Herman looks to get into the rotation after redshirting his freshman year.

Fort Hays State receives immediate help on the low blocks by four newcomers.

John Rogers comes from the College of Eastern Utah and already looks to emerge as a starter alongside Pruitt. Rogers plays with an extreme amount of energy and takes high-percentage shots.

Rob Igbawua also enters the frontcourt after transferring from Wayne State University in Michigan.

Coach Johnson and his staff did not have to go far for two of their recruits. The Ti-



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The Fort Hays State Lady Tigers look to shake off their loss to the University of Kansas and focus on their first home game of the season against Stevens College.

"We were in such awe and impressed that we were playing in Allen Fieldhouse that we weren't as focused as we should have been, and the fact that KU is a Division I school and ranked nationally, the competition was a step higher," said head Coach Annette Wiles.

KU took the 80-55 win against the Tigers.

With the loss to KU being old news the Lady Tigers hope to put on a good show

and both Central Missouri State and Northwest Missouri State.

Fort Hays is well aware of the competition this year and they know what it's going to take to be on top.

"I can't say I have a solid starting 5 players who are guaranteed that spot every time, because its very simple with what it takes to start on this team," Wiles said. "It takes hard work, dedication, and great defense, I look for the girl who stands out to me and proves to me she wants to play and who deserves to play,"

The Lady Tigers are very excited to open tomorrow and hope to see the student body there for support.

Katie Rausch a 5'8" Guard from St. John, Kansas and Ashlee Gustin a 6'1" Forward from Topeka, Kansas are the two seniors leading the Lady Tigers this year.

Coach Wiles has high expectations for the team this year.

"Our team theme this year is 'Whatever It Takes,' and I think that says enough," Wiles said. "We will do whatever it takes to keep the fans coming to our games, do whatever it takes to win, and we will continue to work hard and dedicate our season to doing our best."

Tough competition is expected with this conference, with Emporia, Washburn

Women's Preview



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THE EDGE

At left, Fort Hays State University men's basketball players prepare for the regular season while playing in a preseason game. In second picture from left, Tiger men's basketball coach Mark Johnson sits down for an interview with Cole Reif about the upcoming season. The first game of the regular season will be against Bethany College. The game starts Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Gross Memorial Coliseum.